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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: FEED-DISPERSION SYSTEM FOR FLUID CATALYTIC CRACKING UNITS  
AND PROCESS FOR FLUID CATALYTIC CRACKING

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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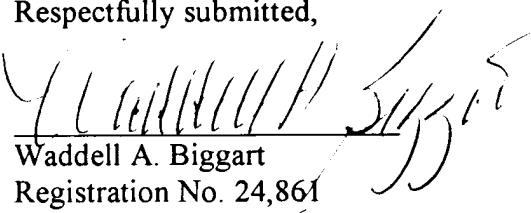
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants submit the following explanation:

**Brazilian PI BR 8404755 is disclosed on page 3 in the specification of the above-identified application. Additionally, abstract PI BR 8404755 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of Brazilian PI BR 8404755.**

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